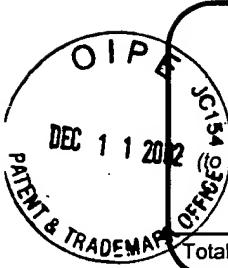


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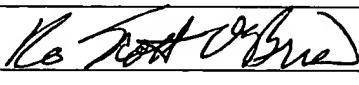
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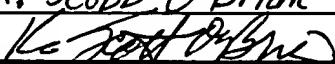
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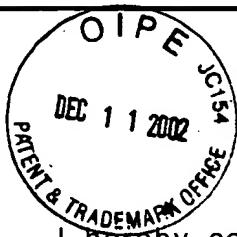
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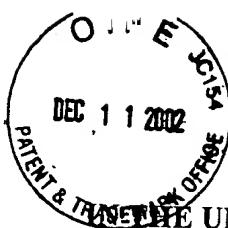
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In response to the Examiner's action of October 21, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

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Please cancel ✓claim 3 without prejudice.

Please add claim 19.

Please amend the following claims without prejudice. A marked-up version of the amended claims is provided as an attachment to this response.

1. (Twice Amended) A method of preparing a preform for a RTM molding process comprising the steps of:

forming a layer of reinforcing fibers;

applying a patterned discontinuous liquid layer of a tackifier resin to at least one side of the layer of reinforcing fibers, wherein a predetermined quantity of the tackifier resin being forced into a number of the fibers; and

curing the tackifier resin.

18. (Twice Amended) A method of preparing a fiber-reinforced composite article for use in a gas turbine engine, comprising the steps of:

forming a layer of reinforcing fibers;